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1. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible.
2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
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4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.
5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.
6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.
7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.
8. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.
9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.
12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saint's feet.
13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.
14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

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"Harvest Time" by Ewing Galloway
(Oat field in Cortland County, New York)
"Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." Matthew 9:37, 38.

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A typical congregation is like a tree loaded with apples. Each fruit represents an opportunity, but some are easier to shake down than others. A few are ready to fall at the first quiver of the limb. Others may cling to the branch no matter how violently it is agitated. Some are rosy and mellow. Others are green and sour. There is an occasional magnificent specimen, suitable for exhibition at the county fair. But along with it one finds many that are misshapen and wormy.

No matter what his purpose is listening to a sermon, each member of a congregation represents a challenge to the preacher. There is always the possibility that one who came to scoff or preen may remain to pray. But neither the successes nor the failures in preaching are to be attributed to the speaker alone. One listener seeking an answer to a problem can raise the level of the preaching situation; a few completely dominated by ignoble purposes can pull so many feathers from the wing of the preacher that he finds it all but impossible to soar.—From *THE PREACHER AND HIS AUDIENCE*, by Webb B. Garrison (Fleming H. Revell Company).

SPECIAL NOTICE

EMERGENCY—CHURCHES DESTROYED

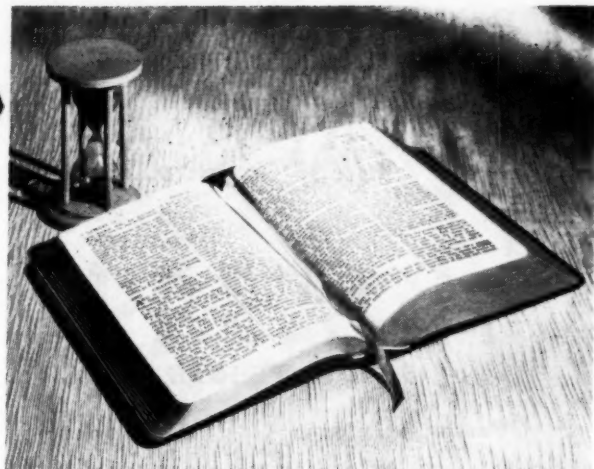
I have just received notice from Haiti that the entire city of Anse d'Hainault was destroyed, and two-thirds of the city of Jeremie was destroyed by the recent hurricane which swept that Island. Throughout this area we have 15 churches that were demolished, and the roof was torn off of the church at Aux Cayes, one of our biggest and best churches. Word has also come that many were killed by drowning. The rivers were swollen over their banks, and the hurricane left a path of heartbreaking destruction.

I will leave it to your judgment, but I wish we could send used clothing into this area. If you have any used clothes, pack them into boxes weighing not more than 44 pounds apiece, and mail them to Rev. Wayne Heil, Box 592, Port-au-Prince, Haiti. If you receive a relief offering to help rebuild these churches that have been destroyed, kindly send it direct to CHURCH OF GOD FOREIGN MISSIONS, 1080 Montgomery Avenue, Cleveland, Tennessee. Each offering will be acknowledged, and your State will receive credit. Make this a matter of prayer, please, and do as you feel led.—Executive Missions Secretary.

NOTICES

Anyone having friends or relatives in New Jersey, especially in the vicinity of Newark or New Brunswick, who are interested in the Church of God, please send their names and addresses to Henry C. Stoppe, 29 Harvard Street, East Orange, New Jersey.

I am available for revival services, since I am doing evangelistic work this year instead of pastoring. Anyone interested in my services contact me at 1810 Emmet Street, Omaha, Nebraska.—C. L. Barker.



The New Birth

By E. E. COLEMAN

THERE IS SOMEWHAT less scripture on the new birth than on most other great doctrines of the Bible. Yet, there is less controversy over it than over most other doctrines. Nearly everyone agrees that one must be born again, although some differ as to what happens or fails to happen when one is born again.

There are those who believe that the new birth consists of nothing more than accepting the teachings of their church and so stating publicly. These hold that there is no feeling associated with the new birth. Some believe it comes through confession of faith and water baptism. They deny that there is any feeling to the experience.

But what does the Bible say? After all, what it says is all that counts.

1 Peter 1:22, 23, "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: Being BORN AGAIN, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." The key words in this passage are: . . . ye have purified your souls . . . see that ye love . . . with a pure heart . . . being born again. . . . It simply means that being born again, you have purified your souls, and you can love the brethren with a pure heart. Therefore, on the authority of this passage, we conclude that purity of heart comes with the new birth. We further declare to all the earth that having the soul made holy and being able to love with a pure heart are definitely experiences that stimulate our feelings, stir our emotions, activate our passions, probe the deepest recess of our consciousness, actuate our senses, and help us in the right conception and the lawful execution of God's design in our lives. Those who are born again are distinguished by pathos, passion, and love which indicate deep sensibility, fervor, and earnestness.

2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." In other words, when a person is baptized into one body by one Spirit, he becomes a new person in Christ; the first part of verse 18 says, "And all things are of God." Therefore, we conclude that this new creature in Christ, being of God, is of necessity HOLY.

Galatians 6:15, "For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, BUT A

NEW CREATURE." We know that this new creature in Christ is HOLY.

BEING BORN AGAIN, we become the sons of God, and as such, we are joint heirs with Jesus Christ. The dignity of our office, as the sons of God, binds upon us the obligation of personal holiness. It remains for us who claim to be the sons of God to cultivate a spirit of devotion that is not marred by too much enthusiasm nor too little wisdom, but whatsoever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report, exercise the mind on these things.

John 3:6, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." Now we know that when a child is born of his mother, the child has the same kind of flesh and the same kind of life that the mother has. Jesus uses this example to tell us that he who is born of the Spirit is spirit. In other words, he who is of God becomes a new creature, and that new creature has the same kind of spiritual existence and life that God has. God is a Spirit, and those born of God become spiritual. We must say that this NEW life OF God and FROM God IS HOLY.

This life OF God and FROM God will imitate the life of Jesus in the holiness of His character. What manner of persons ought the sons of God to be in all holy conversation and godliness, showing themselves a pattern and an example to others in conversation, in spirit, in charity, in faith, in purity, and in good works.

John 8:42a, 44a, 47a, ". . . If God were your Father, ye would love me. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He that is of God heareth God's words." Thus we see from these verses that a good rule for us to use to find out if we are born again is to determine whether or not we are obeying all the Word of God. These NEW creatures in Christ who are BORN again, who have purified their souls, and who are spiritual will not turn aside from doing ALL that the Word of God commands.

1 John 2:29, ". . . every one that doeth righteousness is born of him." We may justly conclude that those who refuse to do righteousness are NOT born of God.

1 John 3:9, "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God."

Psalms 119:11, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart,

that I might not sin against thee."

KNOWING, AS WE DO, that the WORD of God is the SEED of God, we are made to understand how a born-again person is kept from sin. The secret is in THE WORD (SEED) of God. As long as it has the preeminence in our lives, as long as it is hidden in our hearts—hearts that have been made holy—IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO SIN. But, if we allow Satan to steal the Word of God out of our hearts, then we are at his mercy and may be taken captive of him at his will.

So, if you are sinning, you are not born of God. This does not mean that you will not sin according to your neighbor's standards or according to some other human rule, but it means that you will not sin according to God's standard and His rule. In other words, you will not knowingly disobey His Word. It does not mean that you will not have faults that are common to men; it means that you will not disobey a plain commandment of God's Word. It does not mean that you will live free from sin according to the exactitudes of men. You may differ with them in meats, drink, dress, and personal ideas and habits for which the Word of God sets no standard, BUT YOU WILL OBEY THOSE THINGS THAT THE BIBLE DOES TEACH. Because you ARE SPIRIT, you will be LED by the Spirit to OBEY the BOOK that that same Spirit inspired as your code of ethics. Therefore, being justified by faith, you will have peace with God through your Lord Jesus Christ, who was the WORD made flesh and dwelt among us (and we beheld His glory as of the only begotten of the Father) full of grace and truth. This grace and truth, this Word made flesh, is the Seed of God that enters our consciousness when faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God, and then as many as receive Him (the Word made flesh), to them He gives power to become the SONS OF GOD, even to them that believe on His name which are born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. Then, by Christ, we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand and rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. And we glory (not complain) in tribulations, knowing that tribulation worketh (Greek—to work fully, accomplish, finish, fashion) patience, and patience (worketh) experience, and experience (worketh) hope; and hope maketh not ashamed, because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost, which is given unto us.

Now, my dear reader, if you are truly BORN AGAIN, if it be more than the ebullition of a deceived vanity exalting itself to walk where angels fear to tread, if you have exercised a faith that comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God and not by the traditions of men, if you are not only saying Lord, Lord, but are also doing the will of the Father, then you are a person possessed of understanding and capable of virtue. Christ lives in you to promote holy conversation, to inform your understanding, to strengthen your will, to excite your ambition, to animate your soul, to encourage your heart, and to LET YOU KNOW THAT THERE IS IN REALITY A HEARTFELT EXPERIENCE IN THE NEW BIRTH.

Commonly there are three stages in work for God: impossible, difficult, and done.

The lone wolf travels a lonely path, but he beats the pack to the kill.

The Golden Text of the Bible— Christ's Message to Nicodemus

Ye Must Be Born Again

By A. V. BEAUBE

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John 3:14, "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up." Numbers 21:4-9, "And they journeyed from mount Hor by the way of the Red sea, to compass the land of Edom: and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way. And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread. And the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died. Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord, and against thee; pray unto the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live. And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole; and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived."

THE HEBREW RENDERING

FIERY, BURNING, Poisonous, Serpent, A Snake, It hisses. John 3:15, "That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life." THE CONDITION OF SINNERS . . . SO MANY DIE IN THEIR SINS

Thomas Payne, who rejected all religion and whose last utterances were in anguish of a soul in despair, cried out: "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? I would give worlds, if I had them, if the AGE OF REASON had never been published. Oh, Lord, help me! Help me! Stay with me! It is hell to be left alone." Jonathan Edwards said, "Trust in God, and you have nothing to fear." John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

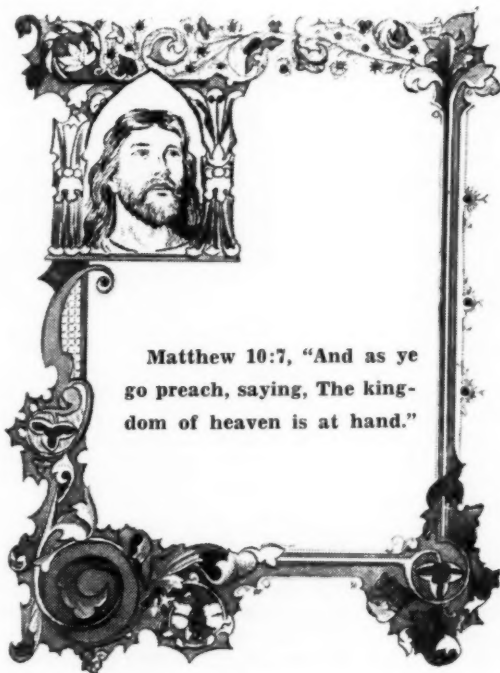
How well do I remember one morning in Macon, Georgia, when I received a telegram from my son, A. V., Jr., which read something like this, "Dad, I want to join the Navy and fight for my country. Maybe if I go, you will not have to go. Will you sign for me?" Although we realized what it might mean, and our oldest son was quite young, I could not say "No." His mother and I went

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And As Ye Go, PREACH

By C. E. MUNCY, Pastor
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This is my text. What is yours?



WE ARE PREACHING BY our manner of day-by-day life. What does your life say? Remember we are all preachers, epistles, known and read of all men.

This seems to be the text of some as they say: "Let us eat and drink; for tomorrow we die," 1 Corinthians 15:32.

Paul was quoting the words of a heathen philosopher to show how utterly inadequate this text, unless we believe that the dead rise not. If that be true, then there would be no tomorrow for you, or for me, nor for him, for the ideals we cherish, and the ones we love would all be lost.

One church member whose life proclaims that man's life consisteth in the abundance of the things which he possesseth has forgotten the word "NOT" which the Master meant to be so important. Luke 12:15, "Man's life consisteth not in the abundance of things which he possesseth." Many today whose lives are preaching this text are trying to accumulate abundance of worldly possessions.

Consider the rich man whose ground brought forth plentifully: "and he thought within himself, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool."

Another text which is very important is found in Exodus 20:15, "Thou shalt not steal." This is a text no one wants to preach, but the world has been so corrupted by men's lives preaching—take what you can get while getting is good. Even in our Nation's capital, many receive wages who do not work, and mink coats and other gifts of graft for performing duties that are favorable to clients.

Luke 12:23, "Life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment." These are but a few of the texts that are being preached by the lives of men as we live day by day.

I remember the text of one famous preacher, although I never heard it fall from her lips. She has preached eloquently on its theme all her life, morning, noon, and night, in season and out of season. My mother's text seems to be the words of the Master, Luke 22:27, "Whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as he that serveth."

I should like to point you to one text as commanded by the Lord, found in Jeremiah 26:2, the Lord speaking to the weeping prophet, saying, "Stand in the court of the Lord's house, and speak unto all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the Lord's house, all the words that I command thee to speak unto them, diminish not a word." This seems to be the orders to every preacher, seek not to diminish, nor to excuse, but to preach the Word.

We find the exhortation of the apostle Paul to his son in the Lord, Timothy, "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine," 2 Timothy 4:2.

He continued to say, "The time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine." So it is our job, each of us, as we walk the road of life, to preach the Word by our everyday living, to live above reproach, and to show the effects of sound doctrine by our Christian example. Remember, Christian friend, our books are open; our texts are showing. As you go, "PREACH."

Mark 6:12, "And they went out, and preached that men should repent."

Department of EVANGELISM and

THE PURPOSE OF MY speech today is for the promotion of the greatest but the least publicized work in our Church—the departments of Evangelism and Home Missions. The Missions, Sunday School, Orphanage, Music, Educational, and Publishing House departments are pushed, while Evangelism is only a watchword or business; when, in reality it is our life and should be promoted equally or more than all the others. "Every today is a new tomorrow. It can only be as we plan today." We make our plans today for the Church of tomorrow.

The administration in setting up a department in Headquarters could be called by any name you may choose that is in keeping with the work. Here is a name you might use for the director—Evangelism Promotion and Publicity Manager, or General Evangelism and Home Missions Director, under that your secretary and the board of administration.

"No man liveth to himself and no man dieth to himself." The ideas that I have collected came from different churches and various folks with whom I have discussed this important matter.

The reason for the department is to glorify evangelism. "Regeneration to this generation," actually causing our men to accomplish something for us that will help us not only today, but will help us tomorrow and throughout the stay of the Church on earth. It was reported only yesterday that we had a reserve of workers that could be used, provided we could get them dispersed to other localities other than the places they are at present. That is one of the main purposes of this department. Our evangelists travel from place to place in a house trailer or automobile with a suitcase or two, and sometimes their lives get to be hard, especially in some of the smaller places where there is little finance. Everything we do is evangelistically minded, but we have no director for it; consequently, we get started on our evangelistic programs and seem to go in a circle, never accomplishing the goal for which we are striving. If we had a director who could arrange meetings for our evangelists when they are not scheduled, it would increase our efficiency in evangelism. Other organizations are using it, and I firmly believe the Church of God is able to achieve its goals. If others can produce this work and do a good job, we can do the same and more. It will take administration to do that, but one of the purposes of our Church is to work in administration or set up a department that will be of help to you and me. You can go from any angle of the work that you wish, and unless we have a good

evangelistic program, we do not have a strong church. Our Sunday School, our Y.P.E., our Sunday morning worship service, and every other department of the Church must be evangelistic. Unless it is, our Church fails.

The next important step is keeping a check on lost members. This department of Evangelism might be incorporated with some of the offices that are already existing; however, since it will be such an enormous job, I prefer it to be set up as a separate unit. In checking on lost members, there are several plans that could be followed. For instance, let us say that a man has moved to Salina, Kansas, from Georgia; another from Florida; another from North Carolina. The overseer knows nothing about it, the pastors do not write to him, the members from the home church do not write; therefore, the people are left to become scattered as sheep without a shepherd. The evangelism director could send out applications every six months or however often the administration desired. A member has moved into a new locality but has not been transferred, so make out a list and send it to the state office and from the state office it would be mailed to the Evangelism Department. The Evangelism Department would compile these and send them out to the various states. For example, I would receive a report giving me names and addresses of members moving from other states into Kansas. In some of our larger cities, there may be enough church members already living there to establish a church. They know nothing of each other's existence there, and it would be a hard job for any one individual to go into some of the big cities and try rounding up lost members without the cooperation and assistance of others.

THE NEXT ITEM is the dispersing of our evangelists. I have heard a number of you make the following expression here in this meeting, "We have so many good men but cannot place them all in our state. If they only had somewhere to go, they could fulfill their desires by being of service for the Church." This abundancy, as you know, is in our larger states; so if we could get these ministers out into fields most needful, it will help us greatly in the smaller states. I realize that you have appropriated money, and the evangelistic fund is helping in the smaller states, but obtaining good men is the answer to most of our problems.

These good men need to be dispersed. This could be done by the state overseers sending names of available workers in his state to the evangelism director—providing they are capable men. He in turn could send the list of names to needy fields. Overseers of those fields would

Speech delivered at the State Overseers' Meeting

By DOYLE STANFIELD

State Overseer of Kansas



HOME MISSIONS

then become responsible to secure the workers. I am a Georgian, by birth, but since working in the smaller states, I see the great need of having good evangelists in these territories. If we had capable men, there are numbers and numbers of new fields that could be entered at the present. In Topeka, Kansas, we have 35,000 people in one section with no church whatsoever, not even a nominal church in that locality—35,000 people. It is just a matter of placing a good man there, and it would not be long until we would have a strong church in that capital city. But since you do not know where to locate a capable man, we are limited. It limits not only the progress of the smaller states, but our work in general.

Another idea concerning dispersement is the Invaders Crusade. Let us take the State of Iowa for example. Supposing there is a lapse in the schedule of three good evangelists for the same month—one might be from Kentucky, one from West Virginia, and one from Ohio. If they would notify the Department of Evangelism, an Invaders Crusade could be organized of these men and sent out to the State of Iowa for a simultaneous revival in the churches. It would give the boost to the smaller churches that they have been longing to see. The idea will work, providing the administration is set up correctly. We can do this only by the recommendations from the overseers. By your recommendation, we can help the men, and they will help us in starting new works.

"If in this world we would rise, the best way of all is to advertise." "Out of sight, out of mind, out of business." When our churches are out of sight to the public, it is not very long until they are out of the public's mind, then shortly our doors are closed to go out of business. If we can form some plan of publicizing our work on a uniform basis, it will enhance the progress of our Church. I believe we have as good evangelists in the Church of God as can be found anywhere, and we can afford to advertise them highly. By publicizing the man, you publicize and build the church.

Here is a revival poster that could be used on a national scale. The idea is to get the material so that it is easily accessible, cheap, and uniform. Our need is a national uniform advertising campaign, keeping our Church emblem before the public in all of our advertising. Getting our emblem in all of our newspaper ads, billboards, etc., will make a distinction, even if you do not write anything else. You may not include the evangelist's picture, but include the sign and build our Church. The Pub-

lishing House could print handbills and billboards by the thousands so they would be easily accessible, cheap, and uniform. John Doe's picture with a write-up about his life could be on file at the Publishing House ready for advertisement. When you are ready to put forth a revival campaign, all you need do is to give the evangelist's name and how many posters, etc., you want. If the church does not want to send for the material, the evangelist could see that this is done. The thing most needful at the present is a man in position to get this material out on the field where it will work for us.

There is another idea and that is using brochures on methods of evangelism to inform our people. We could not take space in the *Evangel* or *LIGHTED PATHWAY* to write the many methods of evangelism that we would need. But this department could write brochures on mass, personal, radio, televised, Sunday School, mid-week, jails, aged homes, and many other means of evangelism.

There is a feeling that exists among some church folk that if the number of worshipers is small, business methods are not essential. It makes no difference how small or large the group may be, the time to install business methods is at the start. I believe the effectiveness of our churches is sorrowfully reduced because of the lack of a workable plan on a national basis, and the lack of officers to keep this spiritual dynamo functioning efficiently. What if the gas station owner decided to wait to see if he had a customer before ordering gas, oil, tires, etc. He would not expect to stay in business, or should I say, "Start in business." Or if a fellow with plenty of money ordered material with no knowledge of the gas station business, he would be in about the same situation. And so it is with the Church; we must set up a workable system on a national basis to help our evangelists.

We've got to get down on a local basis, as we studied last night, that will actually reach out and go into the homes with our own people that we have at the present time. Next is keeping a reserve for needy fields, then financing, and this is one of the important parts of it. The states could finance the evangelists incoming from other states to the mission states, and the church that

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Hell

By MRS. RUTH STARNES

HELL IS A PLACE OF punishment for the wicked. In the New Testament, the word "hell" is translated from two words—*Hades* and *Gehenna*. Hades, like Sheol of the Old Testament, sometimes means the grave. In other places Hades, translated *hell*, means a place of torment. Gehenna was originally the valley of Hinnom, near Jerusalem, where filth and dead animals were burned, a symbol of the destruction of the wicked. All the theories, explanations, commentaries, and beliefs of man will never change hell. It was prepared for the devil and his angels because they had sinned. They were eternal beings; therefore, an eternal place of punishment was prepared for them. Hell is as eternal as heaven. Just as sure as there is a heaven for the righteous, there is a hell for the wicked. Psalm 9:17, "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all nations that forget God." Isaiah 5:14, "Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure." Luke 12:5, "Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell." Christ spoke of hell as burning with fire which never shall be quenched.

Where is hell? Somewhere in the heart of the earth. Proverbs 15:24, "The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath." Matthew 11:23, "And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell." Matthew 25:41, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." We see by these scriptures that hell is somewhere down, beneath, away from God.

The way to hell is easily found. Jesus said, "Wide is the gate and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction and many there be which go in thereat." You will have plenty of company on this road, for it is thronged with travelers from all walks of life. The devil is dally deceiving people, luring them on to an endless hell. It is not difficult to drift with the crowd, but it takes a real backbone to say no to the enticements of Satan.

In our scripture, Jesus was telling the story of how one man went to hell. I have pictured in my mind what the rich man was like. I see a man wearing purple and fine linen, the color of princes. He is a man preoccupied with the material, tangible things of life. He had many servants to wait on him and carry out his every wish. Perhaps, he entertained his friends lavishly. His table was

furnished with all kinds of dainties that nature and art could afford. There is not a thing said about his getting the wealth in any dishonest way. It is no sin to acquire things in life if they are given their rightful place. The tragic mistake this man made was leaving God and eternal things out of his life. He was concerned with only the present. Remember you do not have to commit some vile, terrible sin to be lost—just neglect your soul's salvation.

THERE IS ANOTHER side to the story. We see a poor beggar, reduced to the last extremity, as miserable to outward things as a man may be. We see this poor man laid at the gate of the rich man to beg for the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table. What a contrast! Two people—one a condemned soul, faring sumptuously, yet on its way to hell; the other reduced to poverty, yet an heir to the riches of heaven. What a tragic mistake many are making by choosing the dainties of this world in preference to the riches of glory!

Both men died. Lazarus, the poor beggar, was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom. The rich man ended up in hell, being tormented in the flame. If death were the end of life, the story might be different, but the soul lives on after death. We determine where our soul is going to live throughout eternity. The soul is fully conscious after death. The rich man had all his faculties. He could see, for he saw Lazarus in Abraham's bosom. This was before paradise was moved from the heart of the earth. Only a great gulf separated paradise from hell at this time. The rich man could feel, for he declared he was tormented in the flame. He could hear, for his replies to Abraham show us this. He had sense, for he asked that Lazarus be sent to warn his relatives lest they come to that awful place. He had memory, for Abraham called to his remembrance how good he had fared in the world. Yes, in the world the rich man was able to eat good food and wear good clothes, but these things did not help him in the least when he had to depart. It is appointed unto man once to die and after that the judgment. The rich and the poor look alike to God. The one who chooses the narrow way, whether he be rich or a pauper, is the one who is wise. Sin of any kind, if unrepented of, will carry a soul to hell.

SIN HAS OFTEN been compared to cancer.

*"Through me you pass into the city of woe:
Through me you pass into eternal pain:
Through me among the people lost for aye.
Justice the founder of my fabric moved:
To rear me was the task of power divine,
Supremest wisdom, and primeval love.
Before me things create were none, save
things*

Eternal, and eternal I endure.

All hope abandon, ye who enter here."

—INFERNO, Dante

The likeness is more perfect than many think. This virulent, spreading canker got its name from its resemblance to the crab. The idea is a living disease. Sin is not a rotten branch which may be blown off with the fair wind of more favorable circumstances; it is more like the living, crawling, poisoning crab in the soul that can be cleansed only by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The fishing frog, as described by Professor Forbes, is a deceitful creature. The artful dodger lives to deceive and destroy. On the top of its head are two long, moveable, bony filaments, one of which has a silvery lustre. This is waved to and fro to tempt little fish, which are attracted to it, expecting something to eat, while the monster with its horrible mouth lies half buried in the sand or mud beneath. Beneath every sin lies the hungry jaws of death. Sin may have the appearance of a silvery delight, and there may be momentary pleasure in it, but sin when it is finished brings forth death.

The sinner is dead in sin. As a penalty for his sins committed, he is sent to hell after the death of his natural body. Sin has blighted beautiful and prosperous lives. It has often brought disgrace and shame upon once respected individuals. It has made enemies out of lifelong friends. It causes untold agony and suffering as it takes its toll upon the life of man. It will give its last testimony against its victim in the judgment, when the Great Judge of the people will mete out the just punishment for sin. The punishment for sin is referred to as death. From this eternal death in hell there is no escape. Once a person is confined to hell, he will never get out.

In fighting the devil, never depend upon your own strength. We are only strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Apart from Him, we are defeated before we begin. If you expect to defeat Satan, be sure to put on the whole armour of God. This is not a literal battle but a spiritual one. Realizing this, let us arm ourselves in the spiritual equipment provided us by God. The devil's doom is most certainly sealed, but the Bible tells us that during this dispensation he will continue to work as the prince and power of the air. It is in this realm the Christian must wage his warfare against the enemy of his soul.



Billy Bray, the cornish miner, was out in his garden hoeing potatoes. Satan said to him, "There, Billy, isn't it poor pay for serving your Father the way you have all year? Just see those small potatoes." But Billy replied, "Ah, Satan, at it again, talking against my Father, bless His name. Why, when I served you, I didn't get any potatoes at all. What are you talking against Father for?" And Billy went right on hoeing and praising God for small potatoes.

Remember, it is not a sin to be tempted, but it is a sin to yield to temptation. The only way to sure victory is a life wholly surrendered to God. The same Christ who won that glorious victory on the cross by submitting Himself to die for our sins, lives in the heart of every believer. The sinner is unable to pay the debt for his own sin. He is utterly helpless to lift himself to meet the high standard God requires. So Christ took it upon Himself to pay the debt by becoming the sinners' substitute. He, the innocent party, became the sin-bearer for the guilty.

THE SUBJECT OF hell is one of the most awful things that man can contemplate. Hell, with its awful agonies of shame, should be shunned at all times. Jesus came into the world, took upon Himself a body of flesh that He might become a sacrifice for sin. God purposed through Christ to reconcile the world to Himself, by the blood of Jesus that was shed upon the cross. In this way God placed a blockade to the road to hell. Across the pathway of every man stands the cross of Christ. If we heed the warning, we can be saved. If we fail to accept God's sacrifice, we must pay the penalty. If any man perishes, it is not God's fault. He has done and is doing everything in His power to bring man to repentance. If man persists in his own way, then he must be lost.

There are many people lingering near the place of safety. They look longingly toward the gates of heaven but never are quite ready to enter them. Some have started out of sin, but they hesitate half way. To be almost persuaded is to be lost. It is time for the unsaved soul to hasten, flee the wrath of God by obtaining the heartfelt salvation provided us by faith in Christ. Jude

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"YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN"

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to the Navy recruiting station and gave our first-born to Uncle Sam.

Beloved, God, our loving Father, saw our depraved condition. We were lost in the blackness of the dark night of sin. Nothing could help us except that He should give His Son.

*He so loved And He gave.
Whom did He love? The WORLD*

I think of the house burning down upon a child—see the flames as they leap from the doors and windows. All rescuers have stepped back and given up in despair. *The Child Must Perish.* No! Look! There goes someone in through the heat and smoke. They try to stop her, but she goes on! You know the rest of the story. That is her own darling. She had forgotten her own welfare. In a moment she emerges, burned and exhausted, but she has saved her child.

"God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should *not perish*, but have *everlasting life*." John 3:17, "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved."

While I was conducting a revival meeting in Memphis, Tennessee, in 1932, a French Canadian was crossing a dark, secluded section—taking a near cut to the tent. When he was crossing the railroad, suddenly two lights flashed on him and a voice from the darkness exclaimed, "You are in the hands of the Law." "Well, praise the Lord, I am in good hands," shouted the Frenchman. He had done nothing to break the law, so he was not afraid.

SOME THINK OF GOD AS BEING A JUDGE, BUT HE IS A SAVIOUR! *The condition*—whosoever believeth on Him. WHOSOEVER! Poor world of sin, look to Him and live as the bitten Israelites looked upon the brazen serpent and lived.

DEPARTMENT OF EVANGELISM AND HOME MISSIONS

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sets aside funds for evangelism could finance the administration of this evangelistic program.

Another idea is that of the Trail Blazers Hall of Fame. Help to glorify the man that has gone into the field and started a new work. He starts new works, but he's just another man. I'm not saying that you would put him up and say that he's the greatest fellow that ever lived, but I think that the man who goes in and begins a new work needs some recognition in our Church, so instituting the Trail Blazers Hall of Fame. Of course, standards would have to be met as to what were the qualifications of the church, how long it would have to stand, how many members it had, etc. The picture of the man who has organized a new church could be placed in the Trail Blazers Hall of Fame in the Evangelism Department. You wouldn't have to tell how many works he started, just put his name. Then list the others who have started new churches, and all around have the Trail Blazers Hall of Fame—men that have actually started churches that would get men to believing that it can be done. The main thing is getting a spiritual

emphasis on men starting new works, getting out there and getting men born into the kingdom of God. Let us set up a standard that will actually help that man to start that new work and also start the field of evangelism.

AN ETERNAL HELL

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14, "The Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him." 2 Peter 2:9, "The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished."

Life has no certainty. It sometimes leaves the body at birth. You may walk through the cemetery and find tombs of every size, the infant, the youth, the adult. Life is subject to leave the body at any age, at any time without warning. Job, in speaking of man, says, "He cometh forth like a flower and is cut down." The flower grows, blooms, and is enjoyed by all. It sends forth an odor of perfume, gives beauty for a season, then fades and dies. So it is with life. James 4:14, "For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." A vapor is a cloud-like substance that is impossible to hold. God alone holds the power of life, to shorten or to lengthen as He sees fit. Our lives are like a brittle thread which may be broken at any time. We are not responsible for being here, but we are responsible for determining where our soul will spend eternity. The body of man goes back to the earth at death, but the soul lives on throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity. The soul of man is the most valuable thing in God's creation. This valuable gift has been given to man that he might guide that soul to God. You are your soul's keeper. Are you careless with your soul? Christ offers complete salvation, if we but surrender to Him. How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?

A negro friend used to say to me, "Don't 'squenck' the Spirit." He coined his own word, but "squench," being a combination of "squelch" and "quench," really should be in the dictionary.

We quench the Spirit in more ways than we suspect. When we stifle the inner impression to speak or act for the Lord, we do it. And we can quench the Spirit in others when we criticize or discourage or by any attitude "throw cold water" on their fire. The brother in prayer meeting who mixed his metaphors and said, "Lord, if there should be a spark of fire in this meeting, please water that spark," unwittingly suggested another way to smother the Spirit's freedom. How we do conspire to limit God in our meetings! We have an honored Guest in every Christian gathering, and He can be grieved very easily. A frivolous spirit, a critical or rebellious frame of mind, a fed-up complacency—that will do it. The very way we arrange physical details, the way we scatter all over the church, two to a pew; the way we hear and hear not—surely "squench" says it, for we squelch and quench the Spirit.—From *DAY BY DAY*, by Vance Havner (Fleming H. Revell Company).

revivals

BURLINGTON, N. C.—We have just had the greatest revival in the history of the Burlington Church with Mrs. Roy Douglas, of Macon, Georgia. The revival ran for three and a half weeks, and the Holy Ghost power was there every night searching out the hearts of the people. Twenty-eight were saved, 26 sanctified, 16 filled with the Holy Ghost, 12 baptized in water, and 13 added to the Church. Brother Taft Ogden is our pastor, and we dearly love and appreciate him and his wife. They are doing a great work here, and we are thankful that the Lord sent them our way. They have only been here for a short while, but the Church is growing in every department.—Peggy Shambley, reporter.

BIG SPRING, Texas—We are happy to report that God has been richly blessing here. We have recently had a revival with Brother Wilkerson as the evangelist. Brother Wilkerson is a man of God, who preaches the old-time Word of God. God certainly moved in a mighty way and souls were saved, sanctified, and filled with the sweet Holy Ghost. Also, we are happy to report that some backsliders were reborn in the kingdom of God. We had a great time rejoicing in the Lord. The sick were healed and went away praising the Lord. On the last night of the revival, we had a communion service and feet washing.

Two days a week in the afternoon the ladies are having an hour's Bible study. The men are having Bible study in the morning, two days a week. It is a very interesting class, and we are learning more about the Lord each day. It is good food to our souls. We are indeed happy to have Brother and Sister W. E. Mitchell and family back as our pastor. We are expecting even greater things to happen at our Church. The Mitchells are a great blessing to our church, and we want to help them to "keep on keeping on."—Mrs. Joyce Wilson, reporter.

PAMPA, Texas—We recently had a wonderful revival with Brother C. G. Crutcher of Lamesa, Texas, as the evangelist. We had good crowds and very spiritual services. Five were saved, 4 sanctified, 9 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 15 added to the Church—4 by transfer and 11 new members. Brother Crutcher, who depends upon the Holy Ghost to lead and direct him, was a blessing to all the church. We also had some very outstanding healings.

We were honored Sunday morning, October 3, by having Brother Delbert Mitchell, our State Youth Director, and family with us. We were all made to rejoice in the Lord by the singing of Brother and Sister Mitchell, and he preached a blessed sermon for us. Praise God for victory in the Pampa Church of God.—Georgia Nicolaisson, reporter.

LANETT, Ga.—We are praising the Lord for the wonderful three weeks' revival that He gave us here. God's approval was on it from the very first service, and His Spirit, the Holy Ghost, was there. Some said that this was the best revival that the church had ever had. More people were saved and added to the church than in any other revival. We bow our heads and give God the honor and glory for this. Praise His Holy Name! Seven were saved, 3 sanctified, 2 filled with the Holy Ghost, 8 baptized in water, and 4 added to the church. Our humble pastor, Kyle K. Adams, did most of the preaching. He was assisted by Brother Gaines O. Ennis, Sister Kathleen Lankford, Brother Oscar Hill, and Brother Jack Adams. The church is moving forward spiritually, and the tithes is on the increase. In fact, every department of the church has felt the effects of this good revival.—Wm. T. Overcash.

WALLACE, Idaho—We have just recently had a wonderful revival in Wallace, Idaho. God certainly blessed us in a marvelous way. Nine were saved, 6 sanctified, 5 filled with the Holy Ghost, 7 baptized in water, and 5 added to the church. We give God all the praise! Brother Doyle Sappington was the evangelist.—Leonard Tomlin, pastor.

JOPLIN, Mo.—We have just had a wonderful revival in Joplin with Brother J. D. Richardson as the evangelist. Four were saved, 5 sanctified, 5 filled with the Holy Ghost, 3 baptized in water, and 4 added to the church. It was said by some that this was the greatest revival that the church has enjoyed for years. The finance increased exceptionally well in tithes to the pastor, and liberal offerings were also given to the evangelist. One night during the revival a lovely "love offering" was presented to the evangelist's wife in the amount of \$51. The spiritual uplifting the church received during this revival still prevails in our midst. Any church would do well to obtain Brother Richardson for a revival.—Rad F. Maney, reporter.

DURHAM, N. C.—We have just had a great revival with Sister Mahoy, native missionary from Hawaii, as the evangelist. There were 25 experiences and a number was added to the church. She was a great blessing with both her singing and preaching. Anyone would be blessed by having Brother and Sister Mahoy for a revival.—Lela Mae Edwards, reporter.

OAK GROVE, Miss.—We have just had a great revival with Brother Maynard Renfro as the evangelist. Nine were saved, 6 sanctified, 6 filled with

the Holy Ghost, 12 baptized in water, and 4 added to the church. The church was greatly blessed and encouraged.—H. L. Evans, pastor.

PRICHARD, Ala.—We have just had an old-fashioned Holy Ghost revival conducted by Evangelist J. E. Smeltzer. Forty-two were saved, 11 sanctified, 11 added to the church, and 20 baptized in water. We praise the Lord!—T. G. Pearson, Pastor.

Telegram

JEFFERSON, Iowa—A great revival, which is the best we have had in many years, is now in progress. Great crowds are attending. Thirteen have been saved, 3 added to the church, and several healed. The end is not yet. There are still new interests, and the Sunday School is increasing.—Rev. and Mrs. Roy Douglas, Evangelists, and Rev. N. A. Jordan, Pastor.

LAVONIA, Ga.—We have just had a three weeks' revival which proved to be a blessing to the entire church. Our good pastor, Brother C. H. Chambley, did the preaching, and the church as a whole was revived. Twenty-eight were saved, including several backsliders who came back to the Lord, a number sanctified, 5 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 5 baptized in water. Everything looks bright for the church under the leadership of our new pastor who is a worthy man of God.—Mrs. Artis J. Jones, Reporter.

WINDBER, Pa.—We have just had a nineteen-day revival with Brother Norman Seese as the evangelist. It was one of the greatest revivals this church has had. The power of God fell many nights, and God sent many messages in tongues with the interpretations. Nineteen were saved, 12 sanctified, 10 filled with the Holy Ghost, 8 baptized in water, and 3 added to the church. Brother Seese's preaching was an inspiration to the church.—Eleanor Verrico, Pastor.

SPARTA, Tenn.—We have just had a great revival with 64 saved, 24 sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, 16 added to the church, and many healed. There are others to be added to the church and a number to be baptized in water. The evangelist was Brother Woodrow Morgan.—J. H. Kear, Pastor.

MANCHESTER, Ky.—We are now having a revival with Mrs. Katherine Mahaffey, of Belmont, North Carolina, as the evangelist. The Lord is blessing our church, and a deeper spirit of conviction is upon our people than we have witnessed in a long time. We are expecting many souls to find the Lord in this revival.—Daisy T. Smith.

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REEDS CHAPEL, Tenn.—I thank God for His wonderful healing power. I was instantly healed after my finger had been crushed by a car door. Everyone that saw it said that it looked as if it were broken. I suffered two days and one night with it until I went to church on Sunday night and asked Brother John Nelson and the saints of God to pray for me. It was then that I was instantly healed, and I haven't suffered any more with it. I picked berries all the next week. I thank God for healing me.—Mrs. Clyde Reed. Attested by John R. Nelson, Pastor.

LARKINSVILLE, Ala.—I am thankful to the Lord for the healing of my body. I received an anointed cloth from Virgil H. Oakley of Lynch, Kentucky, and was healed by the prayer of faith.—Bobby Norris.

MONROE, La.—I am sending my testimony in, hoping that it may be a blessing to some sick soul who is about to give up. The devil has afflicted my body several times, and God has always come to my rescue. About four years ago I was stricken with arthritis, and God wonderfully touched and healed my body completely. In January I had something terrible wrong with my stomach, and I had symptoms of a cancer. We were in a good revival with Brother and Sister Glisson. I was prayed for one night, and God gloriously healed me. In July the devil fastened his hold upon my body the third time, and I ran a temperature for two or three days at a time. Only God knew how I suffered, and I was terribly nervous. Our pastor, Brother C. W. Kindall, prayed the prayer of faith, and I was healed. I am praising God today for my healing. I know the Lord can heal and will heal regardless of our condition, if we will trust Him. I challenge everyone to try Jesus if you are sick or afflicted in body. Put your entire trust in Him.—Mrs. E. D. Foreman.

MESA, Ariz.—For the glory of God, I give this testimony. Just a little over a year ago the doctors pronounced me with sugar diabetes. I was prayed for at my home church, and the good Lord wonderfully healed me. When I went back to the doctor to be checked, he couldn't find any trace of sugar diabetes, for which I give God the glory.—Mrs. Donie Wood.

MESA, Ariz.—I had an ugly, painful cancerous growth on my face. One Sunday morning about a year ago, I was prayed for in our local Church of God. My face was healed, praise God! I can recommend my Healer to anyone needing healing. I only have a small scar where the cancer was.—Geo. E. Cordevell.

MESA, Ariz.—Recently I became paralyzed and was unable to walk or even sit up without help. For two weeks I was unable to sleep much because I suffered agony day and night. I would not give up and go to the hospital because I knew Jesus was able to heal me. Yet, as the days passed, I was steadily growing worse. One Sunday morning I heard a radio broadcast by Brother R. O. Acridge, and I felt the power of God go all through me as I heard the song "Where Could I Go But to the Lord." I began to feel better, and that night I asked my son to get Brother Acridge to come and pray for me. When he came and prayed for me, a wonderful miracle was performed. Praise God! From that day I have been walking, and with God's help I'll always walk. How I thank God that He is just the same today. All we need to do is ask and believe God for great and mighty things.—Sister May Mason.

JOPLIN, Mo.—For a number of years, I had suffered from migraine headaches. Last year I went to three doctors before I finally found a specialist who, when he made an analysis of my case, found that dust, rag-weeds, and mold were causing my headaches. I had to take from four to sixteen shots each week for months and months. This year when the rag-weed season came, I began asking God to increase my faith and to help me to trust Him for healing of my body. One Monday night I had a very severe attack and didn't sleep all that night. The following morning I was suffering so badly that I could not go to the office. Instead, I went to the parsonage and had Brother Richardson to pray for me. God came to my rescue and healed me instantly. I have not been bothered any more with migraine headaches, and neither have I been back to the doctor nor had any shots or pills. Truly, I do thank God for this marvelous healing.—Rad F. Maney.

COLFAX, La.—I praise the Lord for healing my baby of a swollen gland in her leg. Nothing we did seemed to help. I asked the Lord to heal her, and the next morning the swelling was going down, and got better every day. Praise the Lord.—Lorene Hickman.

WILLIAMSTON, N. C.—I had a real bad heart attack last December 1, and I thought for a few minutes that I was dying. I could not move or speak for several minutes. I knew what people around me were saying, but I could not speak. I said within my heart, "Lord, are you ready for me now? Is there anything that would bar me out of heaven? Lord, have your way." As soon as I could use my

tongue, I began pleading the blood. Oh, there is power in the blood! I got close enough to crossing that I began to look into another world. I saw this beautiful straight highway and the beautiful sunrise in the distance. I have never seen a road here in this land just like it. Then, I saw someone on it moving towards me very slowly. I could hear the family talking. On Thursday night of the same week, I had another attack with my heart and death took hold of me. I knew I was going; my feet were cold, and I began to chill all over. Brother and Sister T. L. Little were with me praying, and the Lord spared me for some reason. I am working as if I had never had any heart trouble. I really love the Lord, and I want to do my best for Him.—Margaret Ward.

RED BAY, Ala.—I praise the Lord for His healing power. I had been sick for sometime, and I wasn't getting any relief. I was almost ready to give up when the blessed Lord heard my prayer and touched my body. I have been a member of the Church of God for twenty-five years, and the way gets brighter every day.—Mrs. F. L. Cole.

PALMETTO, Fla.—By our testimonies we are made overcomers. What a precious heavenly Father we have! He is always ready to hear our cries, our heartaches, and our pains. He reached down last Sunday morning during our devotional period and healed me. I was stricken suddenly as our pastor was delivering his Sunday morning sermon. I had a severe pain to strike my neck and run down my spine until I was almost helpless. I called for our pastor, Brother R. P. Culpepper, to pray for me, and he prayed until the pain left me. What an experience with God! It was a shouting healing, and I am still praising God wherever I go.—Sister Nellie O'Steen. Attested by R. P. Culpepper, Pastor.

MESA, Ariz.—Some few months ago, my son David, who is eight years old, had a boil on his neck just behind his ear. It turned into a carbuncle which, after growing to almost the size of a golf ball, began to turn purple. Also, hard knots began to appear around this. We began to pray and had him prayed for in church. Several of my neighbors thought he would die if we didn't take him to a doctor, but I knew God would heal him. Within twelve days, the pain was gone, and the Lord had healed it. Also, recently he ran a rusty nail through the middle finger of his right hand. He was again prayed for in church and at home. Five days later his finger was well with only the Lord's help. Some may say the days of miracles are over, but they are not for us who believe in the Lord.—Mrs. Earl E. Hammer.



religious news



UNITED STATES SENDING BOOKS TO ASIA

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) Three new book programs have been launched by the U. S. Information Agency in the Near and Far East, Director Theodore C. Streibert announced last week. These programs will bring significant American books in increasing numbers to Asian readers and will counter Communist propaganda publications widely distributed throughout the area. The new projects are:

Miniature Libraries—Nearly 350,000 paperback books of serious American content in packages of 99 different titles have been sent to posts in Asia for young adult readers.

Advanced Readers—1,800 sets of cloth-bound books representative of American life and thought have been sent to posts in Asia for presentation to university and other important libraries.

Special Book Export Editions—Through the cooperation of American publishers, important American books will be available in increasing quantities in Asian bookstores at moderate prices.

DISCOVER HITHERTO UNKNOWN AFRICAN TRIBE

TRANSVAAL, Africa (EP) The Transvaal Museum's Vernay expedition, which has just returned after three months in South West Africa and Angola, visited hitherto unexplored deserts and mountains and discovered about 500 new species and genera of insects. Also, the expedition made the first survey of the freshwater insects of South West Africa and Angola, finding about 200 new species. They also came upon hitherto unknown native tribes related to the Damara, the "click-language," people previously believed extinct.

ISRAEL BEER NOW REACHING UNITED STATES

NEW YORK (EP) The first consignment of beer exported from Israel arrived here recently. The consignment of 12,000 cases came from the National Brewery, Ltd., producers of "abir" (Knight) beer. A total of 2.5 million bottles of beer worth \$200,000 will be exported from Israel this year according to one of the factory owners. The beer is sold in the United States at three bottles for a dollar.

NAE PLANS "SHARE" WEEK

BOSTON, Mass. (EP) Following the pattern established by many national organizations for annual appeals for assistance to special objectives of which the Red Cross, Cancer Fund,

March of Dimes, and CARE are examples, the Evangelicals of America are inaugurating the national observance of SHARE Week. The date will be November 7 through 14. During SHARE Week, appeals will be made by radio, television, press, and in many churches for funds to meet some of the most critical needs of overseas evangelical work.

SHARE was incorporated as a national vehicle through which aid may be extended. Priority will be given to requests of the official leaders of the many cooperative evangelical associations and fellowships which have been organized in other countries. The policy will be to make grants to projects which will be helpful to all churches and missions in each country rather than to those which are of only local importance. Requests for aid will be reviewed by the Commission on International Relations of the National Association of Evangelicals.

Already various important projects have received assistance, including schools for training national leadership; such as, the Honolulu Christian College, Union Biblical Seminary in Yeotmal, India, the Evangelical Seminary in Singapore, literature projects in several countries, and the sound truck being used so largely by nationals in the evangelization of the interior of Ceylon. Gifts of many thousands of books have been made to Christian schools and lending libraries in scores of countries. The Commission has made possible the going on special missions abroad of our best evangelical leadership from America. All grants will be beamed to the objective of bringing spiritual revival and speeding the work of evangelism, rather than material relief.

The Commission on International Relations includes about forty outstanding leaders of America. Dr. Harold John Ockenga, of Boston, is the chairman. Of international reputation are such leaders as Doctors Paul S. Rees, H. H. Savage, J. Edwin Orr, Billy Graham, Bob Pierce, H. J. Taylor, John Bolten, Donald Grey Barnhouse, Vincent Brushwyler, Frank Phillips, Bob Cook, and others.

ANNOUNCE THIRD SERMON CONTEST

WHEATON, Ill. (EP) Dr. John R. Rice, editor of *The Sword of the Lord*, has announced the Third Annual Evangelistic Sermon Contest for which \$1,000 in prizes will go to the thirteen winners. Any Bible-believing minister is eligible to enter the contest. Sermons must be original, hitherto unpublished Bible sermons. Manuscripts must be typewritten, double spaced,

with one-inch margins.

Principal ministers in America, Canada, England, and several other foreign countries have taken part in the last Evangelistic Sermon Contests. First prize winner in the 1952 Sword Contest was Dr. R. G. Lee, Memphis, Tennessee. The winner of first place in 1953 was Dr. E. J. Daniels, evangelist of Orlando, Florida. Full-length sermons are expected, but no definite length is required. Sermons are to be in the hands of *The Sword of the Lord*, Wheaton, Illinois, by December 1. Detailed rules for the contest will be sent free on request.

Moscow is continuing—without let-up—its relentless new propaganda drive to stamp out religion throughout the Soviet Union, according to the U. S. Information Agency.

In response to "the resurgence of religious feeling and practice in America today," the Ideal Toy Company is putting on sale a knee-jointed doll that can be made to "kneel in a praying position."

Clarence H. Benson, well known evangelical Christian education leader, died at his home in Maitland, Florida, on September 16. He has been one of the outstanding leaders among evangelicals in the field of religious education for the past fifty years. He was at one time director of the Moody Bible Institute educational department, has authored a number of important books in the field of Christian education, and is the originator of the Scripture Press Sunday School lesson series. His passing came at the end of a long and fruitful life, and he will be missed by all.

NASHVILLE WAS GRAHAM'S GREATEST PLANS FOR EUROPE

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (EP) Dr. Billy Graham said here that attendance at his month-long Nashville evangelistic campaign was the largest in any of the more than 30 four-week-long crusades he has held. Earlier, crusade officials reported that a total of 655,000 persons attended the 26 meetings of the campaign and that 6,859 persons had made "decisions for Christ."

"Only Seattle and Portland, where we conducted six-week revivals, had attendance figures which matched or surpassed the total gathering at Nashville," Dr. Graham said. He called the crusade results "a definite indication of what can happen when the whole community cooperates on such a large scale." The evangelist added that he had never seen a campaign "where it seemed there was more community-

wide support and participation than here."

After the final meeting, at which more than 60,000 persons jammed the Vanderbilt football stadium and 1,121 recorded decisions for Christ, Dr. Graham left for his Montreat, N. C., home. He said he planned to rest prior to beginning his next crusade in New Orleans on Oct. 3.

An offering taken at the final rally here will be used toward Dr. Graham's crusade in Europe next year. The evangelist said that the crusade would cost about \$150,000. He announced that the Billy Graham team would devote one-half of its time next year to Europe. "We will leave March 8 and won't return until August," he said. "We didn't want to go, but we feel a need." He reported that this year's crusade in Europe cost the Billy Graham Association about \$400,000.

CHURCH MEMBERS TO BE 100 MILLION IN 1956

(EP) Christian Herald Magazine, for September, in its annual analysis of church membership statistics, predicts that American church membership will leap over the 100-million mark in 1956. This is based upon the premise of continued annual growth at the average rate of the last five years (3.09 percent annually).

The analysis also predicts that by 1959 the Southern Baptist Convention will be the largest denomination in the United States. "A projection of the average annual percentage gain of the Methodist Church (now the largest denomination) during the last five years (1.15 per cent) and of the Southern Baptist Convention (4.2 per cent) indicates that if both bodies continue to grow at this rate, the Southern Baptist will overtake the Methodist Church in 1959. The projection suggests a 1959 Southern Baptist Membership of 10,091,056 and a Methodist Church membership of 9,801,411."

TOBACCO MAKES GOOD BUG POISON

(EP) A tobacco company sent packages of cigarettes to high school boys accompanied by this explanation: "We are sending you a pack of our finest cigarettes. We hope you use them to your satisfaction and want more."

One of the boys wrote back, "I received the cigarettes and used them to my satisfaction. I soaked them in a quart of water and sprayed our bug-infested rose bushes. Every bug died. The cigarettes are sure good poison. I want more next spring."

It is estimated \$6.9 billion will have to be paid out in the next fiscal year for interest on the national debt. This amount is five times greater than the total contributions of all Protestant churches in America in 1953, and 125 times greater than these churches spent on foreign missions last year. And, if Americans began paying off their national debt at the rate of a million dollars a day, they would not be out of the red until after 2700 A.D.

In case the world is again plunged into war, man's dearest treasures,

priceless works of art, the irreplaceable historic, scientific, and cultural objects may be protected by a symbol—a painted shield of royal blue and white conspicuously placed on the places where the objects are. Almost all the great nations of the world, including Soviet Russia and her satellite countries, have signed a solemn pledge to respect the symbol.

According to the **World Christian Handbook**, recently published, less than 30 per cent of the people in the world are called Christians, and 60 per cent of the nominal Christians are Roman Catholics. Christians in the world number over 700,000,000 out of a population of some 2,400,000,000. Roman Catholics number around 200,000,000.

Spain is a country where there are 25,000,000 people who have never seen a Bible; where 3,000,000 people live in caves; where 37½ cents is the daily wage for a man; where there is no religious tolerance; where the Roman Catholic Church has one religious worker for every thirty-five people and owns half the wealth.

The Christian flag was 57 years old last month. On Sept. 26, 1897, Charles Carlton Overton, addressing a Rally Day church program in Brighton Chapel on Coney Island, suggested the idea and outlined the design of the flag. Ten years later Lynn Harold Hough, minister of the Third Methodist Episcopal Church, Long Island City, wrote the words of the pledge. Today the flag is the Christian symbol throughout the world.

HORROR COMICS BLAMED FOR CHILDRENS RAID ON GRAVEYARD

GLASGOW, Scotland (EP) Outraged education authorities blamed horror comics today for the action of hundreds of school children who swarmed through a cemetery looking for a "bloodthirsty vampire with iron teeth." The shouting mobs of children rampaged through the cemetery in suburban Hutchesontown in what police called a "vampire riot." The youngsters returned after dark in an unsuccessful attempt to storm the graveyard.

H. S. MackIntosh, city education officer, charged that "horror" comics were responsible and said they "have now gone beyond the bounds of license. I hope the government will take active steps in this very real problem facing us."

Police Constable Alex Deepröse gave this account of the "riots": "When school finished at 4 p.m., hundreds of children massed in Hutchesontown and prepared to march on the cemetery after a rumor flashed through the city's schools that a 'vampire with iron teeth' had strangled and eaten two small boys there. Shouting and waving pocket knives and carrying sticks and stones, the children swarmed over the cemetery wall and began a hunt through the grave-stones. Witnesses said they appeared to be 'deadly serious.'"

Police called by local residents man-

aged to disperse the shouting throng, but bands of children continued to roam the streets until dusk. They told policemen who advised them to go home they were still "hunting for the vampire." After dark, another group of more than 100 children tried to storm the graveyard but police dispersed them. Officers ordered an all-night watch over the cemetery.

Deepröse said the mother of one of the children had shown him a comic book her son had been reading. It featured a half bat, half skeleton creature carving its way through a graveyard.

ALABAMA METHODISTS SUPPORT RACE SEGREGATION

BIRMINGHAM, Alabama (EP) The North Alabama Methodist Conference, in session here, passed a resolution supporting segregation in schools. "It is our honest conviction that it is for the good of both races that separate schools for whites and Negroes be maintained," the resolution said.

The Conference also called for continued segregation in the Methodist Church. "The independent Negro churches who handle their own affairs are in the ascendancy among the Negroes," the resolution said. "Independent Negro Methodist churches and independent Negro Baptist churches comprise the great majority of Negro church members in the United States. Hence, we believe that it is in the interest of the Negro members of the Methodist Church that they continue as a separate Central Jurisdiction."

PUBLIC PRESSURE FORCES DISCONTINUING CRIME COMICS

NEW YORK (EP) Strong pressure from religious and parents' groups has led one of the nation's leading publishers of comic books to abandon about half his line at a cost of some \$250,000 a year. William Gaines, publisher of The Entertaining Comic Group which comprises ten of the most successful publications with a monthly circulation of 2,000,000, said he was discontinuing five of the periodicals in the "crime and horror" category which have a total run of 800,000 copies a month.

Church and PTA groups have organized themselves so powerfully against such publications in the last six months that it is "suicidal to buck this type of censorship," he said. Mr. Gaines said he "violently disagrees" with the basic premise of these groups that "comic" books stimulate juvenile delinquency but fears that if he does not "appease" them now they might drive him out of business entirely.

Widely-known Chicago minister, Dr. Kenneth Hildebrand, is reported to have married more than 1,000 couples in his 21-year ministry. Each year he holds a "Wedding Bells" service in which couples may come to renew their wedding vows. Approximately 100 attended this year's service and many from all over the country sent greetings. "Emotional and spiritual immaturity" is one of the major obstacles to a successful marriage, says Dr. Hildebrand.

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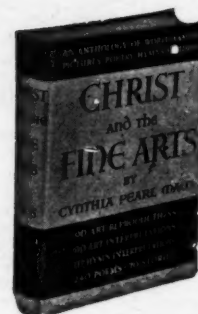
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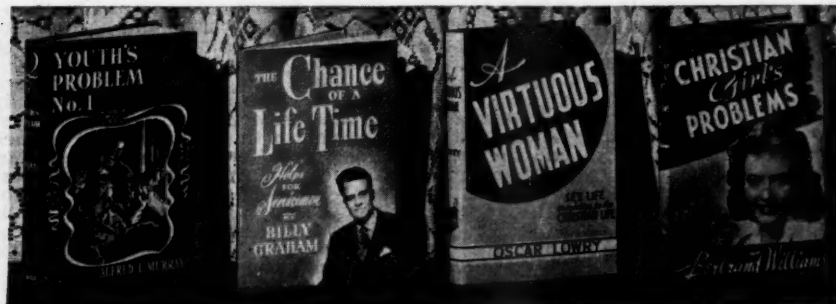
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